

Music, Readings & Prayers for Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

O God, thou pious God

Johannes Brahms

Opening Hymn 458 *My song is love unknown*

Love Unknown

Welcome

Please refer to The Season of Lent booklet for the following:

Opening Acclamation

The Confession

The Absolution

The Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: The Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (*8am, spoken; 10am, we invite you to sing the refrain.*)

Refrain



To - day if you would hear his voice,



hard - en not your hearts.

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- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods. *Refrain*
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! *Refrain*
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest." *Refrain*

The Second Lesson: The Letter of Paul to the Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 4:5-42

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: **Praise and glory to God.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Presider: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Sermon

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

Affirmation of Faith *(Please refer to the booklet, p5.)*

Prayers of the People *(Please refer to the booklet for body of text, p6.)*

For those in the Episcopal Church

In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for the congregations of Grace Church in Bath; and St. Philip's in Wiscasset.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for the Church of England.

For those in need of our prayers

We pray for: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Janice; Scott; Katie; Nick; Marcella; Libby; Mike; David; Kerry; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Eric; Sue; Sam; Stephen; and Kathie. *(Please add your own intercessions.)*

For those who have died:

Gretchen Lane

The Rev. Lanny Wenthe

(Please add your own intercessions.)

(10am) **Anthem at the Offertory** *Thou knowest, Lord* Henry Purcell

The Holy Eucharist (*Please refer to booklet, p8.*)

(10am) **Communion Hymn 343**
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

Recessional Hymn 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Cwm Rhondda

Postlude *God, who makes us Holy* Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

Gretchen Lane's memorial service

There will be a **service at Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, in Rochester, NY, on Saturday, March 21.** Please send condolence notes, and sympathy cards to: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane and Family, 1400 East Avenue, #313, Rochester, NY 14610. Memorial contributions in thanksgiving for Gretchen may be made to: *St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, 143 State Street, Portland, ME 04101 or *The Center for Wisdom's Women*, PO Box 1016, Lewiston, ME 04240 (please add "Sophia's House" in the memo line).

May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Celtic Spirituality Services

We'll continue our Celtic services of blessings, music, and teachings on these reflective and peaceful evenings.

March 22 at 7pm: First Parish Church, 116 Main St., Yarmouth

April 5 at 7pm: Foreside Community Church, 340 Foreside Rd, Falmouth

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

There's a need for **pots and pans, particularly large pots with lids, plates, flatware, utensils, bowls, bath towels, blankets, sheets, comforters, shower curtains** (all clean and in good condition), and **new pillows**. Please drop off donations in the first floor closet under the stairs and put donations in manageable size bags, ie. not too heavy. *Please note the Pantry no longer accepts clothing.* Monetary donations are always welcome and can be made using the pre-addressed envelopes in the narthex. Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com or Pam Hobson, pamhobson@maine.rr.com.

Friendship House - Request for Donations

While Friendship House is most appreciative of the monthly meal we provide, they also have other needs: **Paper towels, Bath tissue, 55 gallon trash bags, Disinfectant cleaners, Antibacterial hand soaps, Bath towels, hand towels, Personal hygiene items, Laundry detergent, Work boots, New Pillows, Blankets, and Comforters.** Pam Hobson: 671-6254/ pamhobson@maine.rr.com.

St. Bart's Sunday services are now being streamed on the web! If you can't come on a Sunday you can watch on your computer, phone or tablet. This capability is part of the new sound system at St. Bart's. You may also access the streaming service through the St. Bart's website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org and click on the WORSHIP link. Scroll down and you will see where to click to access the service streaming live. *We have been working with the streaming provider to improve the sound quality. If you experience low volume or sound loss on the streaming service, please let us know and we'll keep working on it.* **The seasonal booklet and weekly insert bulletin can be found there as well if you'd like to print them off and follow along.**

Notice to All: With our new Sound System, **hearing assist units** are available should you wish to use them at church during services. If you are interested, please ask an usher or the VPOW on duty and they can get them for you.

Sermons are available on the St. Bart's website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org. Click on the 'Sermons' tab.

The Committee for Housing Choices in Yarmouth

We are inviting your book club, neighborhood, social or civic group to be part of a town-wide book read! We're exploring housing choices for Yarmouth residents that allow seniors to stay in our community, our children to raise their own families here, and town employees to call Yarmouth home as well as a place of employment. **Between NOW and April 26th read one of the following books:** *Evicted*—Mathew Desmond, *Show Me a Hero*—Lisa Belkin, *Without a Net*—Michelle Kennedy, *Color of Law*—Richard Rothstein, *Golden Gates*—Connor Dougherty, *The Yellow House*—Sarah Broom, and *The Hundred Story Home*—Kathy Izard. During the week of April 26th there will be a series of public forums to include a film series and facilitated discussions on the importance of housing choices in Yarmouth, obstacles to housing choices and steps forward. Questions, contact Carla Hunt, musseit@yahoo.com.

Yarmouth Aging in Place Spring Workshop-Saturday March 21, 9-12noon at First Parish Church. Dr. Peggy Cyr of Maine Medical Partners will address how to better partner with your provider/medical team for better health outcomes. Kris Lindsey, RD of Mainely Nutrition will present on Eating Well for 1-2. A panel of your peers will offer ideas for sensible exercise. Free BP checks. Informational displays, giveaways, and door prizes. Free lunch provided by Sue Rowe "and friends". All activities free and open to the public. RSVP requested so we can plan for you to join us. Penny at 846-9297.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors and guests and invite you to join us after worship for coffee/tea. Please be sure to sign the parish guest book in the entryway near the double doors.

Name Tags - We encourage you to wear name tags. If you do not have one, please leave your name on the notepad attached to the nametag board.

Large Print bulletins are available in the back of the church or from one of the ushers.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY DUTIES

March 15: 8AM / 10AM - Third Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Jamie Michaud
Lectors: Sue Wheat / Harriet Davis
Chalice Bearers: Linda Perkins / Pal Covie, Barbara Barhydt
Bread Baker: Susannah White
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Dennis Fitzgibbons, Ken Pooley
Nursery Care: Ben Damasco, **NEEDED**
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jamie Michaud, Lisa Fitzgibbons
Counter: Dennis Fitzgibbons, Susie Soule
Grounds (3/15-3/21): Doug Reighley
VPOWs: Lu Tingley / Anne Berg

March 22: 8AM / 10AM - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Jamie Michaud
Lectors: Nina Scribner / Ian-Meredythe Lindsey
Chalice Bearers: Jan Burson / Michele Johns, Rick Ramseyer
Bread Baker: Heather Sylvester
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Nursery Care: Owen Redfield, Cornelius Welsh
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Abernathy, Linda Draper
Counters: Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Grounds (3/21-3/28): Gregg Hoerr
VPOWs: Ann Donaghy / Michele Johns

March 29: 8AM / 10AM - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Paule French
Lectors: Linda Perkins / Emma Burrows, Pam Hobson
Chalice Bearers: David Elliott / Ian-Meredythe Lindsey, Heather Sylvester
Bread Baker: Mary Ann Hodsdon
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Brook Taliaferro, Jennifer Willard
Nursery Care: Ella Brown, **NEEDED**
Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Hayes, Anne Berg
Counters: Ann Donaghy, Janet Nolan
Grounds (3/29-4/4): John Perkins
VPOWs: Cecilia Guecia / Gregg Hoerr

Collect For Quiet Confidence (BCP 1979)

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Desires Known

**Spirit of comfort and longing,
enfold my fear,**

unclothe my pride,

unweave my thoughts,

uncomplicate my heart,

and give me surrender:

that I may tell my wounds,

soak in your grace,

and be made whole.

May I welcome myself,

You, and others this day

with joy and gladness.

Amen. (adapted, Janet Morley)



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